The export figures beyond December, 1992 are not yet available.

(c) No target ha* been fixed for export of aluminium during the Eighth Five Year Plan period.

Imports without payments of Duties against Exports

3318. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have got an ongoing scheme allowing imports without payment of duties against exports;

(b) if so, what is the number of such importers and the conditions imposed for licensing/permitting such imports;

(c) whether it is obligatory for such importers to commence exports within nine months or any other stipulated period;

(d) what is the number of importers availing this facility who have failed to export despite extensions; and

(e) whether the duty recovered from them is as prevailling on the date of import or the applicable duty on the date of payment ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) The Import Policy 1992-97 provides for grant of advance licences for duty free import of raw material, component parts etc. (popularly called inputs) for the manufacture and export of various products. These licences also impose export obligations which are to be achieved within the specified period. The terms and conditions attached to these licences, period allowed for fulfilling export obligations are given in the relevant paragraphs of the said chapter, as well as in the Chapter-VII and the relevant paras of the Handbook of Procedures 1992-97. Copies of both of Export-Import Policy 1992-97 and Handbook of Procedures are available in the Library of the Parliament.

(d) A preliminary assessment made recently indicates that in only 747 cases, exporters have been declared defaulters which is only 1.52% of the number of licences issued. In addition, enforcement action has been initiated in only 732 cases which constitutes 1.5% of the number of licences issued.

(e) The duty is recovered as per the rates prevailing on the date of imports made by exporters.

Participation in Auction Platforms of Tobacco Board

3319. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of bidder participating on each auction platform of Tobacco board;

(a) what is the number of them who I are purchasing;

(c) what are the reasons for the passive participation of the bidders; and

(d) what are the details of steps being taken to review their active participation ?

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